

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A signal processing apparatus comprising:

form specifying means for specifying the forms of input video signals;

inputting means fed with an editing operation for said input video signals,

wherein the inputting means is adapted assign a module for each form, and to identify a common class based on the assignment;

a plurality of editing processing means, associated with said forms, said editing processing means editing said input video signals in accordance with an editing operation fed as an input to said inputting means and the common class;

converting means for converting said input video signals, edited by said editing processing means, into an output stream; and

control means for managing control to edit the input video signals by said editing processing means associated with said forms in accordance with the forms of said input video signals specified by said form specifying means.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The signal processing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said editing operations include cutting, copying, pasting, re-sizing, temporal movement, superposition of images or texts and transition.

4. (Original) The signal processing apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising:
editing processing management means for replacing, deleting or substituting editing operations for particular forms in said editing processing means.

5. (Original) The signal processing apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising:
format converting means for converting said input video signals into signals of a common format, said editing processing means executing editing processing on video signals converted by said format converting means into signals of the common format.

6. (Currently Amended) A signal processing method comprising:
specifying the form of input video signals;
receiving an editing operation for said input video signals;
assigning a module for each form;
identifying a common class based on the assigning step;
editing said input video signals in accordance with an input editing operation and
the common class;
converting the edited input video signals into an output stream; and
managing control to edit said input video signals associated with said forms depending on the form of said input video signals as specified.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The signal processing method according to claim 6 wherein said input video signals are converted into signals of the common format.

9. (Currently Amended) A recording medium having a program for processing video signals recorded thereon, said program comprising:

specifying the from of input video signals;

receiving an editing operation for said input video signals;

assigning a module for each form;

identifying a common class based on the assigning step;

editing said input video signals in accordance with an input editing operation and
the common class;

converting the edited input video signals into an output stream; and

managing control to edit said input video signals associated with said forms
depending on the form of said input video signals as specified.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 9 wherein said input video signals are converted into signals of the common format.